Application No. 10/966,443 Response to Office Action

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elects Species IX, Fig. 11 for further prosecution on the merits.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

It is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 13 are readable on the elected species. And it is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 13 are generic to the species of Figs. 11-15.

If a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that the claims depending therefrom (i.e., claims 14-18 and 42) also be considered on the merits and allowed.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 12-18 have been amended to make some grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to place the claims in better U.S. form.

In addition, claim 42 has been added to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the wavy periphery in radial

Application No. 10/966,443 Response to Office Action

cross-section of the lower swell includes at least one straight-extending segment, as supported by the disclosure in the specification at, for example, page 13, lines 17-19 (see also Fig. 12).

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 12-18 and new claim 42 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits proceed in view of this Election and Amendment.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Holtz Reg. No. 33,902

Frishauf, Holtz, Goodman & Chick, P.C. 767 Third Avenue - 25th Floor New York, New York 10017-2023 Tel. No. (212) 319-4900 Fax No. (212) 319-5101

DH:db/iv